



# Rapid River News

November 10th, 2015

Welcome to the Rapid River News (RRN)! The RRN is a quick view of what is happening in tribal country and especially at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, MI.

**Ogema in DC for Tribal Nations Summit!** Ogema Larry Romanelli was in Washington D.C. this past week for the Tribal Nations Summit. While there he met the new Senior Director of Cabinet Affairs for the White House, Alison Grigonis. She is the granddaughter of tribal member Art Magnuson. Also in this picture is Eugene Magnuson, Art's son.



Gene Magnuson, Alison Grigonis,  
Larry Romanelli

**Elders Conference!** The 2016 Elders Conference was this past weekend. Watch for photo and a story in the December *Currents*.

**THP Looking for your input!** Tribal Historical Preservation has received a grant to teach some tribal 'arts'. Please see the announcement on page 5 and give us your input.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:** The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is requesting proposals from qualified Office Cleaning Service providers. Request must be received no later than Friday, November 13th, 2015. **CONTACT:** Requests for bid packets should be directed to Michelle Lucas, Purchasing Supervisor by emailing [mlucas@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:mlucas@lrboi-nsn.gov).

**Family Services/Salvation Army!** Working together for tribal families! See page 3

**New Commerce MOU!** See page 6 for details!

**LRCR Board announcement:** The Little River Casino Resort Board of Directors and executive team will be available in the Grand River Room to receive comments and concerns from Tribal Members. They will be there at 6 p.m. the following dates: **11.20-12.17**

**LRCR Board Sessions for 2016!** Open Sessions at 6:00pm; Grand River Room; Tribal Members invited. January 28, 2016, February 25, 2016, March 24, 2016. Closed Sessions – tentative start time is 8:30am. Those sessions are scheduled for January 29, 2016, February 26, 2016, March 25, 2016

**Children's Christmas Party!** Check out page 2 for details on the Children's Christmas Party December 13th. Be sure and register by November 24th at 5 p.m. so that your young ones can receive gifts.



**October Currents!** The October Currents is online on the website at <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/currents/2015/October%20currents.pdf>  
There is no printed version this month.



### ***Other Upcoming Items, Dates & Announcements***

- **Membership Meeting Dates for 2016-2017:** (Call the hotel at Ph: (231) 723-1535 or Toll Free at 1-888-568-2244 for reservations). **Ogema Meet ‘N Greet always the night before the meeting!**
  - 2016 – April 9, 2016 & October 8, 2016
  - 2017 – April 8, 2017 & October 7, 2017
- **Office Closed for Veterans Day!** Tribal government offices will be closed in observance of Veterans Day, November 11th. Please make plans to schedule your business around the closure.
- **Veteran’s Day Pow Wow November 11th.** See page 5 for details.
- **Employee Mandatory Meeting November 17th.** Office closed at 11 a.m. The office will reopen at 8 a.m. on the 18th.
- **Elders Christmas Party is December 6th.** The party will be in the Three Fires Conference Center.
- **Children’s Christmas Party!** Be sure to register your children to receive gifts at the party. Check out the details here  
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- **Employee Christmas Party December 19th.** Odawa/Ojibwe rooms at Three Fires!
- **Offices Closed Christmas to New Years!** Remember that the Tribal Government Offices are closed from noon on December 24th (Christmas Eve) until 8 a.m. on Monday, January 4th! Make plans accordingly!

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**When: Sunday December 13, 2015**

**Where: L.R.C.R. Event Center**

**Time: 11a.m. ~ 3p.m.**

**To register please call: 231-723-8288 or toll free 888-723-8288 ask for Mary Thomas ext. 6824**

**Registration Deadline November 24th at 5 p.m.!**

**Registrations required for all children who will participate as we need an accurate count of who will attend.**

**Mark your calendar and register your children for this special event!**

**Children must be present to receive a gift.**

**Failure to register will result in your child not receiving a gift.**

The party is open to Tribal and descendant children

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## LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity. [www.lrboi-nsn.gov](http://www.lrboi-nsn.gov)

Rapid River News Weekly—Tribal Government Buildings—By calling the HR Department

**Check the website at [www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com)**

**For the latest postings!**

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

An application must be submitted, resumes and cover letters are strongly encouraged.

Applications will remain active for a period of 6 months after receipt of your application. Please contact the Human Resource Department if you are unsure if you have an active application.

When you see a job that you would like to apply for please contact Alyce Giltz at Phone: (231) 398-6859, Fax: (231) 398-9101 or E-mail: [jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov) This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. .

You can download the [Employment Application](#) and send it in by postal mail, e-mail, fax or hand deliver it if you choose. Applications are kept active for 6 months. Tribal Preference is applied to all positions.

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What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check "temporary" or place "temp pool" on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It's a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills. **Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions.** Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to: **LRBOI Human Resources**

**2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660F**

**Fax: (231) 398-9101 E-mail: [jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov) Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288**

## Family Services partners with the Salvation Army to assist Tribal families

The **LRBOI Family Services** department in collaboration with the **Manistee Salvation Army** is proud to offer clothing and household item assistance for those meeting program income guidelines. Upon completion of an initial intake and assessment by Family Services staff, Tribal families may be eligible for punch cards which can be redeemed at the Manistee Salvation Army thrift store. In an effort to further the collaboration between organizations, two red donation barrels have been provided by the Salvation Army to collect gently used clothing from the community to replenish the thrift store. One of the barrels is located in the lobby of the Family Services department and the other location will be determined soon.



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## Attention!

### We need YOUR input!

The Tribal Historic Preservation Department recently received a grant to offer some traditional arts/crafts classes. We want to know what YOU would like to learn. We'd appreciate it if you could please take the time to answer the questions below.

1. What are the top 3 traditional arts/crafts that you would like to learn? (Examples: beading, basketry, drum making, quill work, hide tanning, snowsnake making, pottery, etc.)
2. Which class time below would you prefer?
  - One 4-hour class
  - Two 2-hour classes
  - Four 1-hour classes
3. Other comments and/or suggestions.



Please respond via email to [jsam@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:jsam@lrboi-nsn.gov) or call 1-888-723-8288 ext. 6893 no later than 5:00 pm on November 25, 2015.

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LTBB WAANIIGAANZIJK Youth Council

**“HONORING ALL OGICHIDAAWAG!!!!”**

**VETERAN’S DAY**

**POWWOW**

Wednesday, November 11th

Petoskey Middle School Cafeteria & Gym

Potluck Feast @ 6:15pm

Grand Entry @ 7:00pm

ALL DRUMS &

DANCERS INVITED!!!!

Vendor/Information Booth Spaces Available

## **LRBOI Commerce Corner**

*The Commerce Commission brings to you the Commerce Corner...*

*This week’s feature is the Webinars from the Native Learning Center at Kerretv (Key-thee-du) online program. Go to [kerretvonline.com](http://kerretvonline.com) to search for webinars on business, finance and several other categories that may be useful to you.*

***The Seminole Tribe of Florida’s Native Learning Center supports the primary objectives of NAHASDA through training that strengthens best practices within Tribal Communities.***





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## Chi Ishobak, Inc. and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Chi Ishobak, Inc. Will Serve As the Native Community Development Financial Institution for the Economic and Financial Development for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

October 19, 2015

**Dowagiac, MI** – The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and Chi Ishobak, Inc. have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in which Chi Ishobak will serve as the Certified Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) for Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Chi Ishobak will provide access to capital for tribal citizens for small business loans and consumer loans with supplemental education-oriented services to build professional and personal financial capacity.

“This partnership is a significant milestone within Indian Country,” said Chi Ishobak Executive Director Sean Winters. “This type of program works within economically distressed communities and provides capital and credit, while empowering Native Americans to continue strengthening our tribal nations.”

Chi Ishobak has been providing its loan program, business development, and personal financial education curriculum to the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians since 2009. The impact Pokagon Band citizens have recognized has been growing steadily year-by-year. Since 2012 more than \$900,000 has been disbursed to tribal entrepreneurs and consumers. Tribal businesses have generated more than \$2.7 million in local economies and created approximately 15 jobs through existing small-businesses, start-up business, and a female-owned business. Chi Ishobak clients have eliminated over \$81,000 of consumer debt, increased credit scores by an average of 41 points over a 10-month period, and helped establish an initial credit score average of 671 over a 10-month period.

Chi Ishobak and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will aggressively market this program to tribal citizens via email, newsletters, websites, and through tribal government to increase exposure to program information and details as part of the initial launch. Chi Ishobak will be on-site in both Manistee and Muskegon within the next two months to promote this partnership. Locations, dates, and times are forthcoming and will be made available in advance.

Chi Ishobak strives to establish financial responsibility and accountability for tribal citizens through cultural and traditional teachings. Combining traditional ways with modern resources has become a proven system for empowering tribal citizens to properly manage and plan for economic resources.

“Chi Ishobak would love to create this type of relationship with other Michigan Tribes,” added Winters. “We are all family and the greater number of tribal citizens we can help will accelerate the benefit across Indian Country.”

Additional information can be found through Chi Ishobak’s website at [www.chiishobak.org](http://www.chiishobak.org) or by contacting Chi Ishobak offices at (269) 783-4157.

## Tribal Court—November Docket

Key:		EM	Emancipation of Minor	NA	Neglect Abuse
CO	Cora Offense/Conservation	FJ	Foreign Judgment	NC	Name Change
CS	Child Support	FSJ	Foreign Support Judgment	PF	Probate
CT	Civil Ticket	GA	Gaming Appeal	PPO	Personal Protection Order
DM	Divorce with children	GC	General Civil	TA	Trust Access
DP	Paternity	GM	Guardianship of Minor	TM	Tribal Misdemeanor
DO	Divorce w/o children	GR	Employment Matter	WC	Workmen’s Compensation
EA	Enrollment Appeal	JC	Judicial Complaint		
EB	Election Board Appeal	JV	Juvenile		
		LT	Landlord Tenant		

### Wednesday, November 11, 2015

NO COURT --- VETERANS DAY--- OFFICES CLOSED

### Monday, November 16, 2015

### Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m. LRB v. Steele 15212TM Arraignment  
 11:00 a.m. Guardianship Hrg. 15192PF Closed Hrg.  
 01:15 p.m. Dore v. Stevens 10202CS Show Cause Hrg.

### Thursday, November 19, 2015

### Judge Sherigan

01:30 p.m. Neglect/Abuse 09053NA Closed Hrg.

### Friday, November 20, 2015

### Judge Sherigan

10:00 a.m. Sprau v. Casino 14232GC Motion to Dismiss

### Monday, November 23, 2015

### Judge Bailey

11:00 a.m. Neglect/Abuse 11223NA Closed Hrg.

Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday November 27<sup>th</sup> 2015 the court offices will be closed for the THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.



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An artifact from our past was presented to Tribal Council and the Ogema in late October from local Veteran Advocate Ted Ahrens. Watch for the article in the November ***Currents***



## ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

Please let your voice be HEARD!! If you have not registered to Vote, call the Enrollment Office at 231.398.6712 or the Election Board Offices at extension 6709 to have a Voter Registration Form sent to you. Fill it out and attach a copy of your Tribal I.D. Then return it!

**You must be registered to vote in tribal elections!**

Don't procrastinate, you want your vote to make a difference! Don't let others speak for you!!  
If you have questions about how to fill out the Voter Registration Form, call us at 231-398-6712.

The Rapid River News is a publication of the Office of Public Affairs of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

News, updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information!

Please note that Hyperlinks are scattered through the RRN. These 'links' take you direct documents, websites and further information that you can use. Just click on the or copy and paste them in your browser for more information





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**“O Great Spirit Whose voice I hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, here me! I am small and weak. I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.”** *From Prayer to the Great Spirit*

The Great Spirit runs the world and the people by a set of natural laws and principles. He says we are to live our lives and make decisions that will be in harmony with these laws. He says we should be respectful to all things and to all people. He says we should pray for each other. He says we should forgive one another. It is easy to tell if a person is following the ways of the Great Spirit. You can tell by how a man walks in life. He doesn't need to say anything. If we are dishonest or deceitful, other people will know. This is true because we are all interconnected in the Unseen World.

**My Creator, let me obey our ways. Let me Walk the Talk.**

*Kateri prayer*

## (Cultural & Government related items)

**Warriors Society:** Wanted...Veterans who want to actively participate in the Little River Band Warrior Society. Please email:

BigKahunnnna@aol.com' (BigKahunnnna@aol.com)

for an application and/or additional information.

We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.



**Commission Openings!** **Please note that Tribal Members living outside the Manistee Area are also encouraged to apply for the Commissions and Committees!** The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema's office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.



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<u>Departments</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Director or main phone numbers</u>
<b>Accounting</b>	<b>Government Center—Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6868</b>
<b>Be-Da-Bin</b>	<b>Government Center—Clinic entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6741</b>
<b>Commerce</b>	<b>Government Center — Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6866</b>
<b>Commodities</b>	<b>Aki Maadiziwin Community Center</b>	<b>231.398. 6715</b>
<b>Courts</b>	<b>Justice Center on M22</b>	<b>231.398.3406</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>Government Center—Clinic entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6735</b>
<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>Government Center-Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6712</b>
<b>Fitness Center</b>	<b>Government Center—Lower Level</b>	<b>231.398.6636</b>
<b>Family Services</b>	<b>Government Center—Clinic entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6734</b>
<b>Grants Department</b>	<b>Government Center—Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6843</b>
<b>Gaming Commission</b>	<b>Old Casino Building</b>	<b>231-723-7755</b>
<b>Health Clinic</b>	<b>Government Center—North End</b>	<b>231.398.6600</b>
<b>Historic Preservation</b>	<b>Government Center— Lower Level</b>	<b>231.398.6891</b>
<b>Housing</b>	<b>Aki Maadiziwin Community Center</b>	<b>231.398.6879</b>
<b>Human Resources</b>	<b>Government Center-Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6859</b>
<b>Members Legal Asst.</b>	<b>Justice Center on M22</b>	<b>231.398.2234</b>
<b>Members Assistance</b>	<b>Government Center-Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6718</b>
<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>9th Street Offices—Manistee</b>	<b>231.723.1594</b>
<b>Peacemaking/Probation</b>	<b>Justice Center on M22</b>	<b>231.398.2239</b>
<b>Planning Department</b>	<b>Government Center —Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6810</b>
<b>Prosecutor</b>	<b>Justice Center on M22</b>	<b>231.398.2242</b>
<b>Public Affairs</b>	<b>Government Center-Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6872</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>	<b>Justice Center on M22</b>	<b>231.398.2225</b>
<b>Tax Office</b>	<b>Government Center—Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6874</b>
<b>Utilities/Waste Water</b>	<b>Dontz Road (near Aki Maadiziwin)</b>	<b>231.398.2285</b>
<b>Work Force Development</b>	<b>Government Center—Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6842</b>